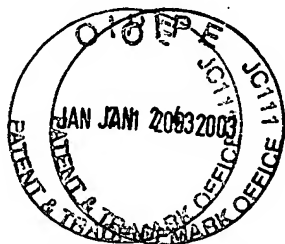
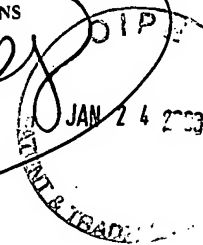


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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment prior to
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AMENDMENT UNDER CFR §1.121(b)In the Specification:

Please replace the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section with the
following:

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Figure 1A is a generalized diagram of a multi-protocol bridge/router.

Figure 1B is an illustrative example of the topology of and connections.

Figure 2A and 2B are network graphs of two illustrative example networks.

Figure 3 is a network graph of an illustrative network in which the network s of Figures
2A and 2B are joined.